(e) if not, the plan of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The former Central Provident Fund Commissioner has not levelled any such allegations.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Employees Provident Fund Organisation is running smoothly and effectively and as such there is no proposal to inquire into the working of the organisation.

Problems of women workers

2293. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to survey conducted by National Commission for Women, women workers in construction industry are getting a raw deal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to redress the problems of women workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the need to ameliorate the working conditions of women workers in construction industry. Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 have been enacted for protecting the interest of workers including those of women workers. Besides this, the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and Building and Other Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 provide for regulation of employment and conditions of service of the construction workers, including women workers. These Acts address safety and health concern of the workers and provide for immediate assistance to beneficiaries in case accident, pension benefits, premium for Group Insurance Scheme, loans and advances for construction of house, assistance for education of children, medical expenses, maternity benefits to female workers, etc.